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MAY B.E.E.P. FOCUSES ON THE FAMILY PET

Cats, Dogs Must Be Licensed

Medicine Hat – For the month of May, the Bylaw Education and Enforcement Program (B.E.E.P.) is focusing on cat and dog licensing.

"City of Medicine Hat Dog Bylaw 3183 and Cat Bylaw 3382 require that all dogs and cats be licensed," says Fred Crittenden, Supervisor of Municipal Bylaw Enforcement. "A dog or cat licence identifies your pet as an important member of your family. It greatly improves the chances of your lost pet being returned to you with little stress on the animal or your family, and it helps show that you are a responsible pet owner".

In 2006 there were 775 cats and 514 dogs impounded at the SPCA and an additional 481 cats and 200 dogs relinquished by their owners. Of those animals there were 672 cats and 57 dogs that had to be euthanized.

"By licensing your pets they can be returned to you and not have to face an uncertain fate," adds Crittenden.

Licences, which are valid for one year from the date of issue, are available at City Hall, the SPCA and the Medicine Hat Police Service.

Licence fees are $30 per year for a dog or cat that is not spayed or neutered, $15 per year for a dog or cat that is spayed or neutered and $10 for the life of a cat that is spayed or neutered and either micro chipped or tattooed.

The fine for failing to properly licence your dog or cat is $250.

For more information on this program contact Fred Crittenden, Supervisor of Municipal Bylaw Enforcement at 529-8436.

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